Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Louisiana

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and area CTE centers that provide supplemental academic and career training to students from the local school district.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is offered through the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, which offers programs on nearly 50 campuses statewide.

In school year 2017-2018, 130,107 high school students and 45,330 postsecondary students participated in CTE in Louisiana.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Louisiana received an estimated $22,412,549 in federal Perkins funding—about $315,909 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Louisiana

- In 2019, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education expanded Jump Start Summers, affording more than 3,000 high school students the opportunity to earn academic credit, engage in workplace learning and attain critical industry-based credentials during the summer months, all while earning a wage. In the summer program's first two years, 48 providers enrolled 1,792 students. Students who completed their programs earned a collective 1,676 academic credits and 1,998 industry-based credentials.
- Thirty-six students from the Bayou Region learned about careers in energy production at the Energy Venture Production Camp in June 2019, held at Fletcher Technical Community College’s BP Integrated Production Technologies building. This was the fifth year that Shell Oil Company and Fletcher Technical Community College have collaborated to offer the camp. Students ranging in age from 13 to 18 learned about careers in energy production through hands-on projects and experiments, discussions with industry professionals and a tour of the Shell Robert Training Facility.

Student Performance (2018)

- 91% of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- 96% of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- 76% of postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- 76% of postsecondary CTE concentrators went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (Perkins IV)

Labor Market Trends

- 57% of Louisiana’s labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only 46% of the state’s workers are trained at the middle-skill level.
- The top 5 industries for “good jobs” that pay a median annual income of $55,000+ without a bachelor’s degree are construction and extraction, production, management, office and administrative support, and transportation and material moving.

Data from National Skills Coalition Middle-Skill Job Fact Sheets and the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce’s Good Jobs Project